

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

BEL MARIN KEYS UNIT V CONCEPTUAL WETLAND RESTORATION PLAN

The California Coastal Conservancy, in collaboration with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, invite you to attend an Open House/Scoping meeting to help identify environmental issues of concern and alternatives that should be discussed in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Statement (SEIR/S) for inclusion of the Bel Marin Keys Unit V site (BMKV) into the Hamilton Wetland Restoration project. The Open House/Scoping meeting will take place on:

**Wednesday, December 5, 2001
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Marin County Humane Society
171 Bel Marin Keys Boulevard, Novato, CA
(415) 883-4621**

This meeting will provide participants the opportunity to provide input on environmental concerns and project alternatives that should be analyzed in the SEIR/S.

PROJECT LOCATION: The approximately 1,600 acres BMK Unit V project site is bounded by Novato Creek on the north, San Pablo Bay on the east, the former Hamilton Army Airfield (HAAF) on the south and Pacheco Pond on the west and southwest. The site, currently protected by levees, has subsided below sea level.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The goal of the project is to create wetland and wildlife habitats that benefit migratory and resident species. Conceptual wetland restoration design alternatives are currently being developed to integrate the BMKV site into the restoration plan for the adjacent Hamilton site. Three to five project alternatives will be discussed in the SEIR/S, including different configurations of habitats that will support endangered and wetland dependent species. Project alternatives will include options for reuse of dredged sediments from San Francisco Bay navigational projects to help construct the project.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Statement (SEIR/S) will be written to supplement the EIR/S that was prepared for the Hamilton Wetland Project to include the Bel Marin Keys Restoration Project.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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